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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

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Applicant(s)

SCHORHUBER ET AL.

Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 16 September 2009 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: _____.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

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9/30/2009

Continuation of 11, does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant's argument filed on 9/16/2009 has been considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argued on page 6-7 of the Remark that "Taylor et al. fails to disclose or suggest Applicants' buffer device for a welding wire and welding plant containing same having the structure set forth in Applicants' claims 1 and 15." . As discussed in the rejection, Taylor discloses a buffer device for a welding wire 12 (Fig. 1), wherein a wire buffer storage 16 (Fig. 1) is arranged between a wire feeder 14 (Fig. 1) provided on the welding apparatus (Fig. 1), and a further wire feeder 18 (Fig. 1) arranged within the welding torch 20 (Fig. 1) and the welding wire 12 (Fig. 1) is conducted between the two wire feeders 14 and 18 (Fig. 1) within the wire core 98 (Fig. 2), where in the wire buffer storage 16 (Fig. 1) is designed in a manner that the wire core 98 (Fig. 2) is fixed on one end in the region of the welding apparatus, with its other end being freely movable (Fig. 3, Col. 6 Lines 38-47), wherein the wire core 98 (Fig. 2) together with the welding wire 12 (Fig. 1), at least over a partial region, is arranged to be freely movable within a wire guide hose 96 (Fig. 2) having a substantially larger cross section of the wire core 98 (Fig. 2), and wherein the storage volume of the wire buffer storage 16 (Fig. 1) is defined by the cross section and the length of the substantially larger wire guide hose 96 (Fig. 2). Therefore, Taylor et al. reference meets all the limitations in claim 1. Furthermore, the applicant seems to argue more than in the claim limitations such as "the primary storage of small amounts of welding wire during a reverse movement of the welding wire for short time spans without it being necessary to reverse the direction of rotation of both wire feeders, that is the wire feeder provided on the welding apparatus and the wire feeder arranged in the region of the welding torch" on page 5 of the Remark.